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Elba BOE approves new 4-year contract for Superintendent Chris Moseley at meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, and a contract renewal for Superintendent Chris Moseley was approved at this meeting.

The board approved a new four-year contract for Moseley as Superintendent of Elba City Schools.

"I am happy to say the board and I have agreed to a four-year contract which carries us through October of 2024," Moseley said after last Tuesday's board meeting. "As I have said numerous times, I love Elba and my kids are here. I want them to finish [graduate] from here and call Elba home."

Moseley said he was very excited to be renewed as the leader of the Elba City School System. He said this would allow him to continue the things he had started since he first accepted the position as Superintendent.

"There is a lot to look forward to at Elba City Schools as we continue to improve every year," Mose-



Chris Moseley
Elba City Schools
Superintendent

ley said.

The superintendent said while it had been a difficult year for all schools due to

the COVID-19 pandemic that all-in-all things had gone very well for Elba City Schools thus far. He said he knows the teachers are stressed out, but they and the administration are continuing to do the best they can with the things they have been provided to deliver the best educational setting possible for students in a safe environment.

Also, during the meeting, the board accepted the resignation from Ellis Daniels, a long-time custodian for Elba Elementary School. The board then approved the hire of William Richardson to replace Daniels.

Weekend motorcycle wreck claims life of Jack, Alabama man

A one-vehicle crash Saturday, Oct. 24, at approximately 12:05 a.m., claimed the life of a Coffee County man.

Lemuel Gary Langley, age 65, of Jack, Ala., was killed when the 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle he was operating left the roadway and overturned. Langley was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash that occurred on Coffee County Road 200, approximately 11 miles south of Troy, Ala. Alabama State Troopers said alcohol was believed to be a factor in the crash.

Elba City Council approves request from ALDOT to change one downtown intersection to 3-way stop

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During their regular bi-monthly meeting Monday evening, Oct. 26, Elba City Council members decided to go with a proposal from the Alabama Department of Transportation [ALDOT] to remove the traffic light at the Alabama Highway 189 and Alabama Highway 87 intersection in downtown Elba and instead make that intersection a 3-way stop.

This intersection is referred to locally by many as the "Y" at Burger King in downtown Elba.

The council had two proposals on the issue. ALDOT proposed the 3-way stop, and the city's engineer with Southern Engineering Solutions had looked at the intersection and proposed a 1-way stop coming off of Hwy. 87 into the downtown area.

Elba Council approves fire chief's recommendation for bid award

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved a request Monday night, Oct. 26, from Fire Chief Drew Parker to approve the low bid on new extrication equipment the department plans to purchase via federally awarded grant monies.

Parker said the overall cost for the equipment would be \$52,191. The grant funds for the equipment total \$51,250 including a five percent match from the fire department of \$2,400.

Parker said three companies submitted bids for the new equipment, and the members of the department were able recently to demo each of the products. He said the choice of the firemen came from the low bidder, Coastal Rescue Solutions, for the \$52,191.

"We've used them before, and it is a reputable company," Parker said.

Council member Jane



This downtown Elba intersection soon will be converted to a 3-way stop following action taken by the Elba City Council during its Monday, Oct. 26, meeting. Commonly referred to as the Y at Burger King, the two roads intersecting are Hwy. 189 (Claxton Avenue) and Hwy. 87 (Troy Road). The change was proposed by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Mayor Mickey Murdock said the city's engineer, DeAnn Grantham, said she would agree to either proposal after ALDOT submitted its request to the city.

The council had briefly discussed this matter at its previous meeting, but decided to table the issue to all

council members more time to review the intersection, and the council also asked Police Chief Leslie Hussey to study the intersection and come back with an opinion from his department on which proposal he thought would work best.

During Monday night's meeting, Hussey said his recommendation would be to go with the 1-way stop with the stop sign needing to be on Hwy. 87 as it comes into the downtown area and intersects Hwy. 189. This proposal called for no stop signs on Hwy. 189 in either direction, therefore, not impeding traffic on that road.

Chief Hussey added that he would also propose

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Area Happenings

TRICK-OR-TREATING IN ELBA will be Saturday, Oct. 31, from 4 - 7 p.m. This is encouraged in neighborhoods, and some of the stores at The Shoppes at Taylor Crossing also will be participating. Due to COVID-19, social distancing is encouraged along with wearing facial coverings and sanitizing often.

THE NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 92, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at The Craft Bar and Grill, 1024 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise. The cost will be \$15 per person. The meal will be a buffet, prepared by The Craft. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.



2020 ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN & COURT
ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN CROWNED...Elba High School recognized its 2020 Homecoming Queen and Court last Friday, Oct. 23, during Homecoming activities. The Coronation ceremony was held Friday morning, and the queen and court again were recognized pre-game Friday night. Those pictured above include (left to right): Kate Hudson, Football Sweetheart; Whitney Rayborn, Sophomore Attendant; Sha'Diamond Hill, Senior Attendant; Mikenzey Hooks, Homecoming Queen; Anyla Reed, Senior Attendant; Kali Nicholson, Junior Attendant; and Tajah Purvis, Freshman Attendant.

During Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning EMA director warns that COVID numbers continuing to rise again in Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On Monday of this week, Coffee County EMA director James Brown updated Coffee County Commissioners on the latest COVID-19 numbers for the county, and he noted the numbers have been steadily rising the past few weeks with the county almost back to its all-time high for daily positives per day.

"Over the last three weeks our numbers have shown steady growth," Brown said. "We are really close to our all-time high, which was in July at 19 [new cases confirmed] per day."

Brown said Coffee County had added 252 new cases of COVID-19 among its residents over the past 14 days, which averages out to about 18 per day. He said the Alabama Department of Health had the county at 1,795 cumulative cases as of Monday morning, Oct. 26th.

"The state still has our county in the red [major] for risk factor," Brown said. "Currently, our positivity rate is at 10.2 percent. The state's [overall] positivity rate is 8.6 percent currently."

As for hospitalizations due to COVID statewide, Brown said about three weeks ago the state had around 735 COVID patients in the hospitals. Now, he said the state was reporting 922 hospitalizations throughout the state.

"We continue to ask citizens adhere to the suggestions from the state including hand washing, mask wearing and maintaining proper social distancing of at least 6 feet from those outside your household," he

said. "People with pre-existing health conditions are 1,000 times more likely to die from this [virus] than those without pre-existing health conditions."

Therefore, Brown said it is extremely important for those with pre-existing health conditions to follow all the safety protocols in place regarding COVID-19.

In other news from the EMA office, Brown provided an update on then Tropical Storm Zeta. As of Monday morning, he said the storm was still a tropical storm but was nearing hurricane status.

Brown said Zeta was expected to reach hurricane status later Monday.

He said the main threat, it appeared, for Coffee County from this storm would be wind, not so much rain as it would move relatively fast across the area after making landfall. Landfall could be anywhere from the Louisiana peninsula to the Mobile Bay area, Brown

said. "The further west it goes, the better for us," he said.

"We are expecting our impacts currently to be Wednesday night into Thursday."

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton briefly addressed the commission Monday morning. He noted that Saturday would be Halloween, and the sheriff's department would have extra patrol out and about trying to make sure all were safe during any trick-or-treating activities.

"Please be cautious of children trick-

or-treating Saturday evening," the sheriff encouraged.

Also, he noted there would be extra deputies working on Election Day, Nov. 3, to assist with any needed matters to help make that process go smoothly in Coffee County.

Commissioners voted Monday to grant use of the

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Coffee County Health Department COVID-19 testing schedule announced for November

COVID-19 testing will be provided by the Coffee County Health Department in Enterprise on Tuesday mornings as listed below: Tuesdays - November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Coffee County Health Department, 2841 Neal Metcalf Road, Enterprise, Ala.

Appointments are not necessary; however, retesting or testing for back-to-school purposes is not provided.

Symptoms of COVID-19 consist of either cough or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing) or at least two of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell.

Testing criteria are as follows:

- Persons with symptoms
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregate living settings, and first responders with symptoms
- Persons without symptoms who have underlying medical conditions or disability placing them at a higher risk of complications or screening of other asymptomatic individuals based on a case-by-case review and approval by the state health department or local health jurisdiction.

The Alabama Department of Public Health advises the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Social distance by staying 6 feet away from others
- Avoid people who are sick

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors" - Plato

It was interesting to read the opinions of 'who won' following last Thursday night's presidential debate. The first numbers we read indicated that die hard Trump supporters credited him with a win while those on the opposite side of the equation gave the win to Biden by about the same percentage. Later we were reading an opinion piece in the New York Times and found them calling the debate a 'draw', meaning neither hit a home run but then neither struck out. Personally, we only watched the first few minutes of the debate and then clicked it off and went about our life, thus can't agree nor disagree with any one of those three differing opinions. We are just tired of all the back and forth arguing surrounding this election and will be glad when election day passes AND a winner is officially named (and accepted) by both sides.

Those who make a living predicting the outcome of pending elections are reacting like they have ants in their pants, afraid their predictions will be wrong and thus as one pollster said, "we are forever out of a job." They are remembering their mistakes of 2016 and the potential for "Hidden Trump Supporters" (voters who are avoiding criticism for their personal choice) to sway elections in many of the too-close-to-call states. Since we don't depend on our predictions (guesses) to pay the grocery bill, there is one opinion that you can bet your last dollar on. It is that Donald Trump will carry Alabama next week. His margin will be so strong that it will take down ballot candidates into office with him. Otherwise Doug Jones would hold on to his Senate seat.

On the Jones issue, we must admit he has made a strong effort to work for the people Alabama. He has supported several bills in the Senate that are good for Alabama citizens and all US folks. He has been open with the news media, often holding conference calls and answering reporter's questions, etc. Still, he is the Democratic candidate and Alabama voters will be supporting Donald Trump and those who vow to support him. Like that or dislike it, it is going to happen. That means Tommy Tuberville will go from being a former college football coach to helping run the nation as a member of the United States Senate.

Before we leave Election Day, remember to research the six Alabama constitutional amendments on the ballot. We will be voting for some and against some. As usual our position on the two local amendments (Six and Seven) are to leave them to the folks in those two counties to decide their own fate.

Halloween is just around the corner. It will be different for most of us, as we deal with COVID-19, but there are still things a person can do and/or observe. First during this scary season, Halloween night will also be hosting a FULL MOON! We get a double dose of moon that night as it will also be a blue moon. October 31st is the only one in 2020. In fact, the next one will be in 2023. A blue moon is the second full moon of the month and October gets it this time around. There was one in 2015. In 2018 there were actually two Blue Moons. That is of course the origin of a person describing something that rarely happens as "Once in a blue moon!"

Be Safe - Wear your masks, wash your hands, practice social distancing and just use common sense (even though common sense is not always so common)!

Six Amendments on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, ballot

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

AMENDMENT 1 Proposing to amend the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to provide that only a citizen of the United States has the right to vote. We agree with this. Of course we also support immigrants who become citizens in

their right to vote AFTER they become citizens. **AMENDMENT 2** appears to have broad house cleaning goals within the state's judicial system. It removes some outdated wording; cuts the authority of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint the Administrator of Courts

(long overdue) along with a number of other changes. We like some of these moves and they all appear to be reasonable. We suggest support of this amendment.

AMENDMENT 3 deals with the terms of an appointed judge's initial term. The wording tends to confuse us and require slow, repeated reading to halfway understand. We could go either way on this one but err on the side of caution (when in doubt) and recommend a no vote.

AMENDMENT 4, is designed to authorize the Legislature to rewrite portions of the Alabama Constitution and provide a process for its ratification by the voters of this state. The main issue is to update the 1901 wording in the Alabama constitution by

removing racial portions that have already been struck down by the Supreme Court. If the lawmakers don't go wild and try to hide other stuff in their revisions, we think this is an idea that is long overdue. We support this amendment with full knowledge that the voters can turn down the revisions if hanky-panky shows up in the final revisions.

Amendments 5 & 6 deal with no liability for using deadly force under certain conditions. **AMENDMENT 5** is relating to Franklin County. **AMENDMENT 6** is relating to Lauderdale County. We strongly recommend Coffee County voters leave these two for the people in Franklin County and Lauderdale County to decide.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Suspicious person reported at 433 Newton St (2:38 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Industrial Blvd and Hickman Ave (7:07 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 318 Smith Ave (1:15 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (3:59 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Larkin Rd (6:35 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr (7:21 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1111 Deal St (7:41 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 522 Claxton Ave N (8:03 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 909 Harper Dr (8:26 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 1770 Hickman Ave - arrest made (10:34 p.m.); Assault reported to Elba Police (10:52 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops on this date with five citations written, one warning written, and one verbal warning issued.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Suspicious circumstances reported on Reynolds Ave (7:41 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1415 Jones St (1:46 p.m.); Theft of property reported on Simmons St (4:24 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with an arrest made.

Thursday, Oct. 22 - Prowler reported in area of County Rd 403 (3:20 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 230 Court Ave (3:27 a.m.); Fire call at 990 Hwy 203 (4:16 a.m.); Animal complaint at 357 Brunson Circle - animal impounded (8:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2697 Hickman Ave with animal impound (12:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 745 Williams St (3:20 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 887 Forest Ave (11:42 p.m.).

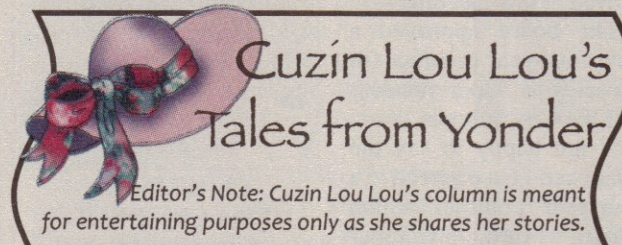
Friday, Oct. 23 - Suspicious person reported at 1620 Boswell St (2:25 a.m.); Harassment reported at 638

Claxton Ave N (8:13 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Herman Driggers Dr (8:17 a.m.); Animal complaint at 1710 Jones St (9:21 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (1:17 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1584 Ann St (1:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (4:12 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (6:07 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 900 Herman Driggers Dr (6:29 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Brunson Circle (9:44 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

Saturday, Oct. 24 - Domestic complaint reported at 225 Fox Dr (6:32 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1825 County Rd 505 (10:34 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 344 Reddoch Hill Rd (2:35 p.m.); Smoke/odor investigation on Davis St E (6:27 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:09 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 405 Davis St W - an arrest was made (10:16 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with no action taken.

Sunday, Oct. 25 - Domestic complaint reported to Elba Police (11:53 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (5:43 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1005 Neil Grantham Dr (7:10 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (7:40 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (8:43 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

Monday, Oct. 26 - Animal complaint on Collier St (9:47 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1041 Hickman Ave (10:29 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1109 Neil Grantham Dr (1:23 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Highland Dr (6:05 p.m.). There were four traffic stops with one citation, two verbal warnings, and one written warning.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Cuzin Lou Lou has been on nurse duty this week as both Sister and Papa tested positive last Saturday for the COVID-19 virus. Fortunately, as of this writing, neither has experienced any really bad symptoms with what appears to be only mild cases, and Lou Lou is praying it will remain that way!

The quarantine, however, has not been without it's 'interesting' moments thus far... turns out Papa is the worst-acting of the two patients. Upon learning the two were positive for the virus, Lou Lou sent each directly to his/her own bedroom to isolate, and she has been 'nursing' them from outside the door!

Well...Papa has had a hard time understanding that "stay in your room except for when you absolutely must come out" means exactly that! He's been like a little kid hunting excuses to come out of that room, even after Lou Lou moved his favorite recliner to his bedroom so he could sit in it while watching TV.

Sister has done a much better job of following the 'stay in your room' directions, BUT, she seems to be

enjoying calling/texting when she wants/needs something, and apparently she 'needs' a lot when in isolation.

A family member offered to drop off a bell for Sister to ring to page Lou Lou, and she explained that bell would end up somewhere it did not need to be before the quarantine was over! Despite all this, Lou Lou is trying her best to be a good nurse, cook and housekeeper this week while Papa and Sister recover.

Heed this warning, however, from the Yonder crew... the COVID-19 virus is still making people sick, and it can jump on you before you know it. So, please keep sanitizing, wearing those masks in public, and keeping the proper 6-ft. distance from those outside of your household. It may not keep you from getting the virus, as in Papa and Sister's case, but it certainly won't hurt to do your part in trying to prevent it!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling. And, if you don't mind, say a little prayer for a quick recovery for Sister, Papa and anyone else currently battling COVID.

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JOHN LAMAR WILLIS

Mr. John Lamar Willis, age 54, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at his home.

John was born to the late Jena Harris Hullendar Willis and Jonathan Marvin Willis on June 20, 1966.

Graveside services were held Oct. 25, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating and Debra Crosby speaking. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorials be made to the SOS animal shelter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a dear friend, Katonia Campbell.

Survivors include four brothers: Jay Hullendar, of Tenn., Jonathan, Wayne, and Earl Willis, all of Ga.; and two sisters: Theresa Walters, Tenn., and Virginia Willis, Ga. He is also survived by many loving cousins and a dear aunt, Marlene Willis.

LEMUEL GARY LANGLEY

Mr. Lemuel Gary "Swamp Stomper" Langley, age 65, of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, as a result of a motorcycle accident on County Road 200 in Jack.

Mr. Langley was born Aug. 9, 1955, in Moultrie, Ga., to Lillian Erlene Hurst Langley and the late Lemuel Derwood Langley. He served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m., at Purdue Assembly of God Cemetery with Brother Keith Price officiating. Visitation began two hours prior to the service at 1 p.m. at the cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Mr. Langley was preceded in death by his father, Tim Langley; brother, Mike Langley; brother-in-law, Hughey Stephens; and a niece, Sandy Stephens.

Survivors include his wife: Betty Langley; mother: Erlene Langley; three daughters: Pam Beck (Lester), Cindy Barajas (Fernando), and Jamie Langley (Todd); nine grandchildren: Chris Beck, Lucas Beck, Tanah Reaves, Taylor Dennis, Mackenzie Ballard, Adyson Price, Ella Grace Schaid, Chloe Lan-

ham, and Garret Lanham; five great-grandchildren: Greyson Newman, Caliber Dennis, Elijah Clay, Emily Beck, and Lily Beck; two sisters: Sandra Stephens and Rhonda Langley; two nieces, Angie Suddith and Jenny Adkin, and a nephew, Hughey Stephens Jr.

MARTHA ANN STEVENS

Mrs. Martha Ann Stevens, age 72, of Montgomery, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at her home.

Graveside services were held Oct. 21, 2020 from Weeds Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Phillip Rayburn officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her son: Andy (Tammie) Kennedy, Buford, Ga.; granddaughter: Morgan (Paul) Mahedy, and great-grandsons, Camden Mahedy and Brooks Mahedy, all of Loganville, Ga.; brother: James (Jeanette) Morgan, Elba; and a niece: Rita (Buck) Jackson, Elba.

PEGGY JEAN POUNCEY

Mrs. Peggy Jean Pouncey, age 72, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at the Enterprise Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 2020 at Keahey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Frank Webber officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery in the Basin Community.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis Pouncey, Opp, Ala.; son: Shannon Donaldson (Anna), Opp; daughter: Deanna Donaldson, Foley, Ala.; brother: Wayne Sanders (Norma), Elba; sister: Becky Sanders, Elba; grandchildren: Matt, Kyle, Blake, Brooke, Brodie and Brantley; and great-grandchildren: Jace, Colby, Case, Isiah, Mikayla and Wilson.

MARK ANTHONY JONES

Mr. Mark Anthony Jones, age 62, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently at Baptist Health East.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at Fox & White Memorial Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

He was born January 15, 1958 in Pensacola, Fla. to the late Alex Jones Sr and Wilma Shelby Jones. He served 10 years in the U.S.

Army. During his military career, Mark was stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bruce Jones and Alex Jones Jr.; and a sister, Joan Belinda Jones.

Survivors include his wife: Sherrie Diana White-Jones; children: Latofia S. Jones, Mark A. Jones Jr. and Starlette N. (Justin) Jones-Youngblood, all of Enterprise; six grandchildren: Kamira, Amariya, Kaden, Ava, Alijah and Genesis; two god-sons: Reginald Jordan, Pensacola, and Joseph Hatch, Houston, Texas; a god daughters: Jazmen Martreze (Tony) and Seymore Youngblood, Clarks-ville, Tenn.; siblings: Joseph Holmes, Pensacola, Mertis McMillian, Williamsburg, Va., Reginald Jones, New Orleans, La., Craig Jones, Pensacola, Christopher (Monica) Jones, Williamsburg, Scott (Denise) Jones, Pensacola; brothers and sisters in law: Rev. Terrial (Minister Stephanas) White, Dothan, Ala., Ricky (Deliah) White, Montgomery, Ala., Willie F. (Minister Shandalyn) White, Aretha (Keith) White-Simmons, Sophia (Rev. Roland) White-Austin, Rev. Christopher (Almesha) White Sr., Adrain White, all of Troy, Ala., Bonita (Earl, Sr.) Dix, Killeen, Texas, Tiffany Dunn, Indianapolis, Ind.; along with a host of other relatives.

Graveside services were held Oct. 24, 2020, at Daleville Christian Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Born on Sept. 30, 1946 in Enterprise to the late Eddie Lee and Mrs. Annie Ruth Holloway, he attended Cop-pinville High School. He was an employee of Con-Agra Foods for 30 years. Thereafter, he remained active as a sports official for various sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers - Clarence Holloway and Johnny Holloway.

Survivors include his wife: Glenda A. Holloway; six children: Jeniffa Turner, Enterprise, Dedie Burge (Ray), Kennesaw, Ga., James Turner (Sheryl), Sanford, NC, Samantha Holloway Bryant (Richard), Uptato, Ga., Michael Holloway (Sonya), New Brockton, Ala., and Connie White, Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren: Tessie Turner, Michael Holloway, Derevik McFerrin, DeQuan White, Taya Langley (Reggie), Jordan Burge, Jayla Bryant, Alexis Page, and Corey Holloway; two great-grand-

children: Keighley Woods, Fort Benning, Ga.; and Kobe-Isaiah Holloway, Daleville, Ala.; six siblings: Henry Holloway, Grace Henderson, Annie Cile Holloway, and Mary Jean Kin-ney, all of Enterprise, James Holloway (Patricia), Dothan, and Louis Frank Hol-loway (Kirsten), Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Kevin Wilburn officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. All wishing to attend are asked to maintain social distance and wear a mask.

She was preceded in death by her husband - A.C. Buddy Brunson, and a sister, Shirley Henderson.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law: Art and Alane Brunson, Andalusia; daughter and son-in-law: Suzi Brunson and Keith Maddox, Miramar Beach, Fla.; grandsons: Blake Maddox, Dundee, Mich., Nicholas Brunson, Andalusia; granddaughters: Sydney (J.C.) Sanders, Andalusia, Marlee Maddox, Miramar Beach; a brother:

children: Keighley Woods, Fort Benning, Ga.; and Kobe-Isaiah Holloway, Daleville, Ala.; six siblings: Henry Holloway, Grace Henderson, Annie Cile Hol-loway, and Mary Jean Kin-ney, all of Enterprise, James Holloway (Patricia), Dothan, and Louis Frank Hol-loway (Kirsten), Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Upon recommendation of county engineer Marty Lentz, commissioners approved a proposed plat for a major subdivision on 47-acres of land on Alabama Highway 92. Lentz said this proposed subdivision, southeast of Enterprise, would have 53 lots.

Lentz said the proposal was in compliance with the

county's regulations for subdivisions, and commissioners voted unanimously to approve the request.

Commissioners also approved two requests for the landfill. A resolution for a lease-purchase agreement on a compactor was approved, as well as, the purchase of a dozer at just under \$172,000.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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IN THE MATTER OF
SIBURLINE MODLIN,
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF COFFEE
COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC20-059

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of October 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 6th day of October 2020.
/s/ Selena Modlin King
Personal Representative
10/15, 22&29-pd.

IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF PIKE
COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION PETITION
OF JEREMY HARRILL LYNCH AND
AMANDA JOAN LYNCH,

CASE NO. PC2020-85

NOTICE OF ADOPTION HEARING

To: Any natural father of a minor child born to Abriel Kiana Baker on October 12, 2015.

Please take note that a petition for adoption of a minor child born to Abriel Kiana Baker on October 12, 2015, has been filed and is pending in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response with the attorney

for the petitioner(s) named above and with the Clerk of the Pike County Probate Court as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days from the last day this notice is published.
Attorney for Petitioners:
Joel Lee Williams
75 North Court Square
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Troy, Alabama 36081-0446

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of September, 2020.
/s/Patrick H. Davenport
Patrick H. Davenport
Special Probate Judge
12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama
10-22, 29-11-5 & 12 - chg

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GEORGE MICHAEL
HAMILTON,
DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-20-056

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of September, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for Amanda Grace,
Personal Representative
10/29, 11/5&12-pd.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 411

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 411 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on November 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at a point 1,920 feet from the intersection of said County Road 411 and Alabama Highway 189. This 1,920 feet is measured along the centerline of said County Road 411 beginning at the center of Alabama Highway 189. Thence continue south along said County Road 411 760 feet to the point where county maintenance currently ends located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, T-5-N, R-19-E.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing.
10/15, 22, 29 & 11/5-chg.

NOTICE OF MULTI JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency will have a public hearing regarding the update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan at the Coffee County Community Room, located at 1065 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama on **November 9th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan addresses risk and vulnerability of Coffee County to multiple natural hazards, such as high wind and flooding events, and presents strategies and projects for hazard mitigation. Federal guidance specifies that local jurisdictions must review and revise their hazard mitigation plan and submit it for approval every (5) years. The Coffee County Plan is included in a process to develop a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and is currently reviewing information concerning risk and vulnerability information, as well as mitigation strategies and projects. Residents and other stakeholders of Coffee County are encouraged to participate.

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maybe adding some rumble strips on Hwy 189 near the intersection, rather than have stop signs, to slow the traffic down a bit due to the intersecting traffic off Hwy. 87.

The proposal from ALDOT called for stop

signs at Hwy. 87 where it intersects Hwy. 189 coming into the downtown area, as well as, stop signs on Hwy. 189 in both directions at this intersection. The traffic going out of Elba on Hwy 87 [at the Y] would remain unimpeded and keep flowing without stopping just as it does now.

Council members discussed this issue for several minutes noting various issues they could foresee with either proposal; however, council member Maddox made a motion to go with the ALDOT proposal for the 3-way stop. His motion received a second from council member Jane Brunson.

Council member Gappa Wise asked if the city could change this to a 1-way stop in the future if it is later realized the 3-way stop was not the best solution. Mayor Murdock said that since the state would be turning this intersection over to the city for maintenance soon that the city could indeed come back and make the change if they deem it necessary.

Council member Johnathon Lockett said he worries the 3-way stop would cause a lot of traffic backup in the area of Burger King as this area already gets congested at time with road traffic and customers trying to go to and leave the Burger King and Monterrey's restaurants. He indicated he was more inclined to go with the 1-way stop proposal.

The motion to go with ALDOT's 3-way stop passed with all voting in favor except council member Lockett.

Also, during the meeting, assistant city clerk Pat Boothe gave an update on the FEMA flood buyout project ongoing in the city. She said there remained one house to demolish from the first group of buyouts, and it was anticipated that demo would be this week.

Boothe said closings would take place on eight homes in the second batch of buyouts this Friday, Oct. 30th.

The city is considering

hiring a contractor to demo these eight homes being closed on Friday to allow city crews time to catch up on various other projects. Boothe said the city would have to bid the demolition projects, and the bids would be a per square foot cost with or without asbestos. Also, she said once a contractor is approved through bid, that contractor could remain on standby should the city need them for future demolitions with the FEMA buyout project.

With Monday's meeting being his last official meeting at the helm, Mayor Mickey Murdock thanked the city council for its respect and support for him

during his time as Mayor of Elba.

"I think we've accomplished a lot, but there is still plenty left for Tom [Maddox] and his council to do," Murdock said. "I have enjoyed being mayor, and I hope I've done a decent job for the city. I do think we've gotten the city into better shape overall."

Maddox, the mayor-elect, said the council appreciates Murdock too. He added, "I've got your phone number and will be calling."

A swearing-in ceremony followed by an organizational meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 2, at 9 a.m. at Elba City Hall for the new mayor and city council.

TESTING (Continued from Page One)

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

After a really bad day in the lunchroom, our grandson Lawson told his Nanny he wanted to start taking his lunch to school and wanted a ham and cheese sandwich every day. Well, the day after his decision the lunchroom had his favorite meal, and one day later he decided to cancel the ham and cheese order and instead just eat that good old lunchroom food. Oh the many decisions in life!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers closed out** a disappointing season on a high note last week with a big 40-19 homecoming win over Houston County. The Tigers knew their playoff hopes were slim, but ignored the fact and came out ready to play against the one-win Lions and settled the outcome by the end of the first quarter. Collin Harrison rushed for over 150 yards to go over the 1,000-yard mark for the season in his senior season, while Jacquez Prince fell just a couple of yards short of reaching the 1,000-yard mark passing, despite throwing for two touchdowns. Over on defense, Chrystyle Caldwell delivered a number of big hits that intimidated the Lions back, and all in all it was just a solid team win. There is no doubt the Tigers are disappointed in missing the post-season party, but ended the season with a bang, and I'm sure after a few days off will get right back to work to start a new playoff streak.

*** **It was another week to forget** for three of the four area teams as only the Brantley Bulldogs were able to post a win in the final week of region play. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

** **Brantley gave up more points in one game** than it had in the previous seven games combined, but the Bulldogs didn't miss a beat on offense and outscored Florala 52-36. The win wrapped up the region title and a homefield advantage for the top-ranked Bulldogs, and probably reminded the defense that it too is human.

** **New Brockton ended its season** with a 1-7 record with a wild 49-28 homecoming loss to Houston Academy. The one-win season was the lowest win total for the Gamecocks in twenty years and should serve as a wake-up call for the proud Gamecock program as the players begin looking ahead to its next season in the 3A ranks.

** **Kinston battled for all four quarters** in a 21-14 region loss to Samson and despite high expectations prior to the season posted only two wins. The Bulldogs are still trying to build a solid football program in Kinston and are a lot closer to being a winning program than many realize.

** **Zion Chapel never really had a chance** in a 48-13 region loss to Geneva County. The Rebels never backed down from the challenge and battled until the final horn, but were simply no match for the talented Bulldogs and suffered their tenth straight loss.

*** **It was an exciting week** of high school football action all across the wiregrass area with a couple of teams locking down playoff spots in their final region contests. Here's a look back at the ninth week of the season.... * Dothan picked up only its second win of the season with a 35-31 region win over Smiths Station * Enterprise picked up win #7 and took a giant step forward in the 7A ranks with an impressive 38-27 win over previously undefeated Auburn * Eufaula logged its sixth straight win and locked down the #3 spot in the region with a big 42-6 region win over Sidney Lanier * Geneva saw its record slip to 4-6 on the season, but backed into the playoffs when both Straughn and Bullock County also lost key region games * Slocomb rallied to get past Wicksburg 21-20 to claim its first region title since way back in 2003 * Abbeville claimed a region crown with a surprising 32-13 romp past previously undefeated G.W. Long * Arton punched its ticket to the 2A playoffs with a big 40-6 region win over Cottonwood and evened its record at 5-5 in the process * Goshen closed out the season without a win for the first time in 48 years with a 52-6 loss to Catholic, and during its first season in Class 3A was outscored 331-50 * Luverne was outscored by Isabella 46-40 in overtime, but the Tigers still advanced to the post-season as the #3 seed and proved to itself it can compete * Red Level snapped a 10-game losing streak with an 8-6 overtime win over Pleasant Home, in a game that was tied 0-0 at the end of regulation * Georgiana knew it was out of the playoff picture, but still managed to rise up and knock off McKenzie 38-33, but the Tigers from McKenzie still deserve a big pat on the back for claiming the #2 seed in the region after back-to-back 1-9 seasons * Straughn saw its playoff dreams end with a 21-15 double overtime loss to Dale County. The Tigers had a chance to win the game in regulation, but missed an extra-point after time had expired to force an extra period, and then had a field goal blocked in the first overtime * Pike County locked down the #3 seed

in the region with an exciting 21-20 win over Reeltown * Ashford saw its record dip to 1-8 in a very disappointing season with a 36-8 loss to B.T. Washington.

*** **The high school playoffs don't kick off** until next; however, it is never too early to peek ahead at the first week of post-season play, and the opening week this season will include some interesting match-ups. In Class 1A, Samson will travel to Maplesville and Florala will head to Notasulga, while Brantley and McKenzie will both be at home against either Autaugaville, Billingsley or Loachapoka. Up in the 2A ranks, Abbeville will be at home against Thorsby and G.W. Long will host Luverne, while Geneva County will head up to Highland Home and Arton will make the trip to Isabella. 3A match-ups include Wicksburg at Thomsville and Providence Christian at Montgomery Academy, while Opp will be at home against Greensboro and Slocomb will host either Hale County, Southside or Monroe County. 4A action will include Dale County at Bibb County and Geneva at American Christian. The 5A games include Andalusia at home versus Marbury, Carroll at Selma and Rehobeth at Demopolis, while in the 7A ranks Enterprise will travel to Theodore. Lots of good games next week for area fans to attend!

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by over the weekend and state he is ready for the post-season to get

started after another successful regular season. The local guesspert hit on 35 of his 39 picks last week and left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

ZION CHAPEL VS. PPLEASANT HOME

The troops from up at Fort Jack will head back over to the hole in Enterprise looking to end the season with a feast after hosting a bird hunt earlier in the day. These birds aren't hard to catch, but seem to be able to lull folks to sleep and will use the same plan this week. Party time for the troops!

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Elba Junior Tigers off to fast 3-0 start

The Elba Junior High Tigers tipped off their basketball season last week and enjoyed their time on the court as they rolled to three big wins.

Following are highlights of the three games:

Elba 53 Kinston 35

The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back to down the Kinston Bulldogs 53-35, in Kinston. Elba lead only 13-9 after the first quarter, but outscored the Bulldogs 12-3 in the second quarter to take a 25-12 halftime lead and coasted in with the win. Alvin Henderson scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Jacob Watkins and Jordan Hammonds both added 8 points. Racha Phillips scored 13 points to lead Kinston, while Colby Tew and Michael Thompson both added 10 points.

Elba (53): Reed 2, Henderson 14, Johnson 2, Wilson 6, Griffin 3, Watkins 8, Adkins 4, Solomon 2, Hammonds 8.

Kinston (35): Tew 10, Phillips 13, Thompson 10, Free 2.

Elba 60 Brantley 50

The Elba Tigers jumped ahead early and held on late to outscore the Brantley Bulldogs 60-50, in junior high action. Alvin Henderson poured in 14 points in the first half to help lead the Tigers to a big 35-17 half-

Elba Junior High Lady Tigers open season with three wins

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers opened their basketball season last week and gave their fans lots to cheer about as they rolled to three impressive wins.

Following are highlights of the three games:

Elba 28 Brantley 21

The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off their junior high season with a 28-21 win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Tigers trailed 13-9 at the half, but outscored Brantley 9-3 in the third quarter to jump ahead 18-16 and then pulled away in the final stanza to claim the win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 10 points and Destinee Tidwell added 6 to lead Elba, while Jahyla Oliver led Brantley with 12 points.

Elba (28): Tinsley 3, Purvis 3, Tidwell 6, Whitfield 10, Juarez 2, Caldwell 4.

B'ley (21): Dixon 2, Richardson 3, Nichols 4, Oliver 12.

Elba 30 New Brockton 4

The Elba Lady Tigers made it look easy in a 30-4 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in junior high action. The Lady

time advantage, and while Brantley rallied in the third quarter, the Tigers never lost command and held on for the win.

Alvin Henderson scored 25 points to lead Elba, while Dominic Griffin, Jacob Watkins and Trace Grantham all added 7 points. Jayden Parks scored 22 points and Daylan Davis added 19 for the Bulldogs.

Elba (60): Henderson 25, Griffin 7, Watkins 7, Adkins 6, Grantham 7, Hammonds 2, Cooks 6.

B'ley (50): Pittman 2, Layton 7, Parks 22, Davis 19.

Elba 54 New Brockton 31

The Elba Tigers jumped ahead early and coasted in with a solid 54-31 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Alvin Henderson and Emanuel Cooks combined for 11 points in the first quarter to help the Tigers grab an early 13-2 lead, and the Tigers poured in 37 points in the second half to pull away and post the big win.

Alvin Henderson scored 22 points and Cayden Adkins added 10 to lead Elba.

Elba (54): Reed 2, Henderson 22, Griggs 5, Griffin 2, Watkins 4, Adkins 10, Grantham 2, Hammonds 2, Cooks 5.

N.B. (31): Peacock 2, Foster 11, Crumpler 4, Siler 14.



Elba Junior Tiger Trey Grantham (22) goes up for a basket in last week's big win over Brantley.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Junior Lady Tiger makes a move to the basket on a Brantley defender in last week's season opening win.

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SPORTS NEWS

For sixth win of season
Tigers coast past Houston County 40-19

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

Not even a steady rain that fell throughout the first half could dampen the homecoming spirit Friday night as the Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and coasted in with a solid 40-19 region win over the Houston County Lions.

Elba received the opening kickoff and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Tigers went 65 yards in seven plays to reach the endzone. Collin Harrison rushed for 44 yards on three carries to lead the Tigers down the field, while the score came on a 16-yard pass from Jacquez Prince to Kaden Grogg. A flip pass from Prince to Harrison added two points, and with 8:29 left in the first quarter Elba was already on top 8-0.

Houston County began its ensuing possession at its own 39-yardline and the Lions stunned the Tigers as they needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard. The score came on a 69-yard touchdown toss from Kahleel Johnson to Katavion Johnson, and while the extra-point attempt sailed wide, the Tigers lead was down to 8-6 with 7:32 remaining in the quarter.

Elba didn't take long to regain command; however, as on the Tigers next play from scrimmage Chrystyle Caldwell took an inside handoff, reached the sidelines and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. Price tossed a flip pass to Harrison for the two-point conversion, and with 7:15 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 16-6.

Elba lost a fumble at the Houston County 42-yardline on its next offensive series, but regained possession near mid-field after a Lions punt, and this time needed six plays to get back into the endzone. Collin Harrison rushed for 45 yards on five carries to spark the scoring drive, while it was Iverson Lane that scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run on the final play of the quarter. Harrison ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers carried a 24-6 lead into the second quarter.

Elba began its initial possession of the second quarter at the Houston County 42-yardline after a short Lions punt and covered the distance in six plays to extend its lead. Collin Harrison rushed for 27 yards on two carries and Jacquez Prince rushed for 23 yards on two carries to lead the Tigers to the endzone, with the touchdown coming on a 5-yard pass from Prince to Iverson Lane. Prince ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers lead grew to 32-6 with 7:25 remaining in the half.

Houston County was able to eat up almost six minutes off the clock on its ensuing possession with the aid of three Elba penalties, but the Tiger defense refused to let the Lions back on the board, and at halftime Elba went in with 32-6 lead.

Elba snapped the football only four times in the entire second half thanks to 10-minute quarters and a running clock, and didn't even need to snap the ball to score its final touchdown as Jacquez Prince fielded a Lions punt at the Tigers 40-yardline and weaved his way up the field 60 yards for a touchdown. Collin Harrison added the two-point conversion as the Tigers lead grew to 40-6 with 6:44 left in the third quarter.

Houston County had success offensively on its next two possessions against the Elba reserves and scored a pair of touchdowns to give the Lions fans something to cheer about. The first Lions score of the half came on a nine-play, 69-yard drive that was culminated by a 10-yard scoring run by Kenzerick Barber with 8:00 left in the fourth quarter, and it was Barber that added the second score of the half, this time on a 2-yard blast up the middle with 4:31 left on the clock. Geovani Rodriguez kicked the extra point after the second touchdown, and when the final horn sounded moments later it was the Tigers that celebrated the 40-19 homecoming win.

Collin Harrison rushed for 153 yards on 13 carries to lead the Elba ground attack, while Chrystyle Caldwell added 65 yards and one td on just one carry, Jacquez Prince added 45 yards on seven totes and Iverson Lane added 13 yards and one td on three carries. Prince completed 2 of 3 passes for 21 yards and 2 touchdowns, with Kaden Grogg pulling in a 16-yard scoring pass and Lane catching a 5-yard td toss. The Elba defense was led by Chrystyle Caldwell with 7 tackles and Caden Adkins with 5 stops.

Kenzerick Barber rushed for 113 yards on 12 carries and scored 2 td's to lead the Lions, while Kahleel Johnson completed 1 of 3 passes for 69 yards and one td, with Katavion Johnson pulling in a 69-yard touchdown toss.

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Elba Tiger Collin Harrison (1) rushed for 153 yards in Friday night's win over Houston County to go over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.



Elba Tiger Jacquez Prince (7) heads upfield in last week's 40-19 homecoming win over Houston County.

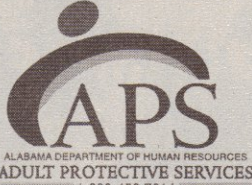


Elba Tiger cheerleader Michaela Moseley had plenty to cheer about at homecoming.

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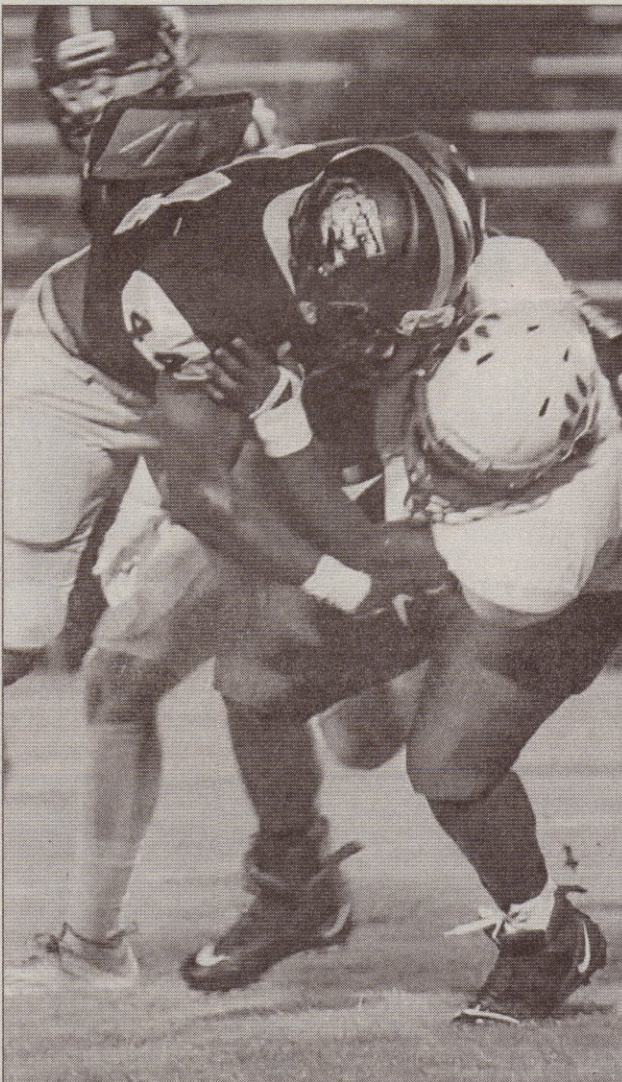
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Elba Tiger Kaden Grogg (88) reaches back to pull in a 16-yard touchdown pass in last week's 40-19 region win over Houston County.

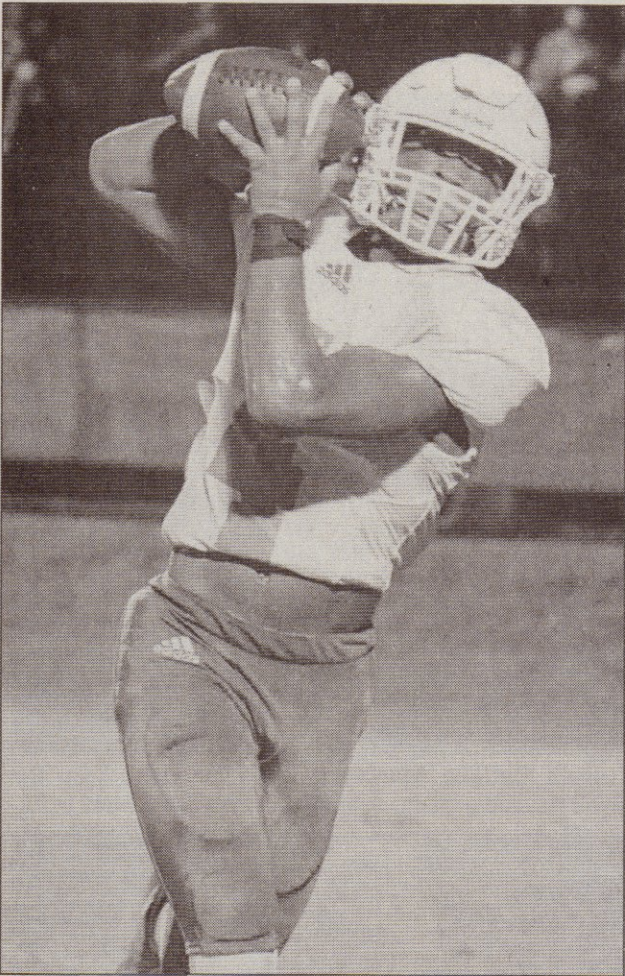


Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (44) welcomes a Houston County runner to homecoming with a jarring tackle in last week's 40-19 win.



Elba Tiger Byron Burks (2) dives for extra yardage in last week's 40-19 homecoming win over Houston County.

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Brantley Bulldog Kedrick Brown (4) pulls in a 38-yard touchdown pass in last week's big 52-36 region win over Florala.



Brantley Bulldog head coach Roland Jones talks with his team after last week's wild 52-36 region win over the Florala Wildcats.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) is off and running. Kilcrease rushed for 42 yards and passed for 290 yards in last week's win.

Remain undefeated

Brantley Bulldogs outscore Florala 52-36 for wild region win

From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs put the wraps on their first undefeated regular season in six years Friday night with a wild 52-36 road win over the Florala Wildcats.

A 25-yard td toss from Rashaad Coleman to Zane Weeks and a Coleman pass to Austin Howell for two points put the Wildcats up 8-0 in the first quarter, but

Brantley bounced right back and pulled within 8-6 when Tucker Kilcrease scored from a yard out.

The 'Cats stretched their lead to 16-6 on a 2-yard scoring run by Zacchaeus Reese and a two-point run by Zane Weeks. However, the Bulldogs refused to stay down for long and scored the game's next three touchdowns to open up a 28-16 advantage late in the second quarter. The scores included

a 2-yard run by Daquan Pittman, a 38-yard pass from Tucker Kilcrease to Kedrick Brown and a 26-yard td toss from Kilcrease to Westley Person.

Florala cut the Brantley lead to 28-22 at the half on a 40-yard pass from Coleman to Howell, but the 'Dogs again answered the Wildcat challenge and scored the game's next 18 points to stretch their lead to 46-22. The Brantley scores

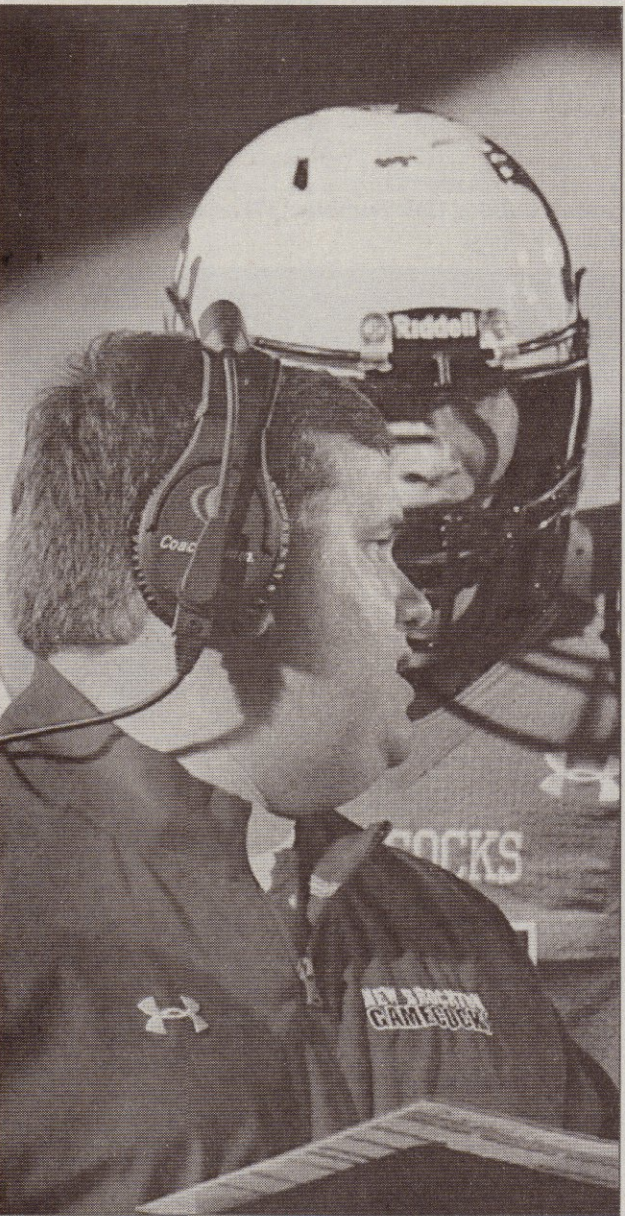
during the three touchdown explosion included Robert Shine recovering a blocked punt by Carson Jones in the endzone, a 23-yard scoring dash by Robert Shine and Kenwyn Dixon returning an interception 100 yards for a score.

The region rivals swapped the next two touchdowns, with Florala scoring on a 12-yard pass from Coleman to Howell and the Bulldogs scoring on

a 26-yard run by Tucker Kilcrease as Brantley remained in command with a 52-28 advantage, and while Florala scored in the final seconds on a pass from Coleman to Anthone Stone, and Coleman added a two-point run, it did little but change the final score as the Bulldogs escaped with the wild 52-36 win.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 16 of 23 passes for 290 yards and 3 touch-

downs and rushed for 42 yards and two scores to spark the Bulldogs, while Robert Shine rushed for 117 yards and one td, recovered a blocked punt in the endzone for a td, and recorded six tackles on defense, and Kenwyn Dixon had 5 catches for 150 yards and one td and returned an interception 100 yards for a score. William Cook had 7 tackles, including two tackles for losses and one sack.



New Brockton Gamecock head football coach Zach Holmes talks with a player during a break in the action.

Gamecocks fall to Houston Academy 49-28

Statistics by Brandon
'Speedy' White
File Photos by Greg
Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Houston Academy Raiders tangled Friday night in an offensive slugfest, and while the Gamecocks matched the Raiders punch for punch for three quarters, it was Houston Academy that landed the knockout punch in the final quarter to claim the 49-28 region win.

Jeb Daughtry scored on a 2-yard run and JT Ackerman added a 19-yard scoring run in the opening quarter to help the Raiders jump on top 14-0, but the Gamecocks Kaden Cupp put New Brockton on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter on a 34-yard dash to cut the lead in half, only to see the Raiders score again on their next series on a 3-yard run by Daughtry to stretch their lead to 21-7.

Kaden Cupp broke loose again, this time on a 40-yard touchdown run late in the quarter, and at the half the Gamecocks trailed only 21-14.

The region rivals swapped touchdowns early in the third quarter on an 8-yard run by the Raiders Tristan Graham and a 29-yard scamper by the Gamecocks Kaden Cupp as Houston Academy remained in front 28-20, and the Raiders stretched their lead to 35-20 late in the quarter when Kady Mitchell scored on a 19-yard run.

New Brockton had a quick answer for the Raider score as Kaden Cupp scored his fourth touchdown of the night on a 49-yard run, and the Gamecocks added a two-point pass to Brandon Johnson as they cut the deficit to 35-28 heading into the fourth quarter.

Houston Academy moved ahead 42-28 early in the final stanza on a 4-yard run by Mitchell, and the Raiders eighth-grade quarterback scored his third td of the half late in the quarter on a 10-yard run as the Raiders put the finishing touch on the 49-28 win.

Kaden Cupp rushed for 257 yards and 4 touchdowns on 26 carries and completed 7 of 16 passes for 45 yards to lead the Gamecock offense, while Jordan Tacey rushed for 36 yards on 14 carries and caught 3 passes for 24 yards. The 'Brockton defense was paced by Jamarcus Brown, Karyus McNabb and Colton McClenny with 6 stops apiece, while Aaron Watson added 5 tackles and one sack, Matthew Smith added 4 tackles and one interception and Michael Siniard added 4 tackles and one sack.



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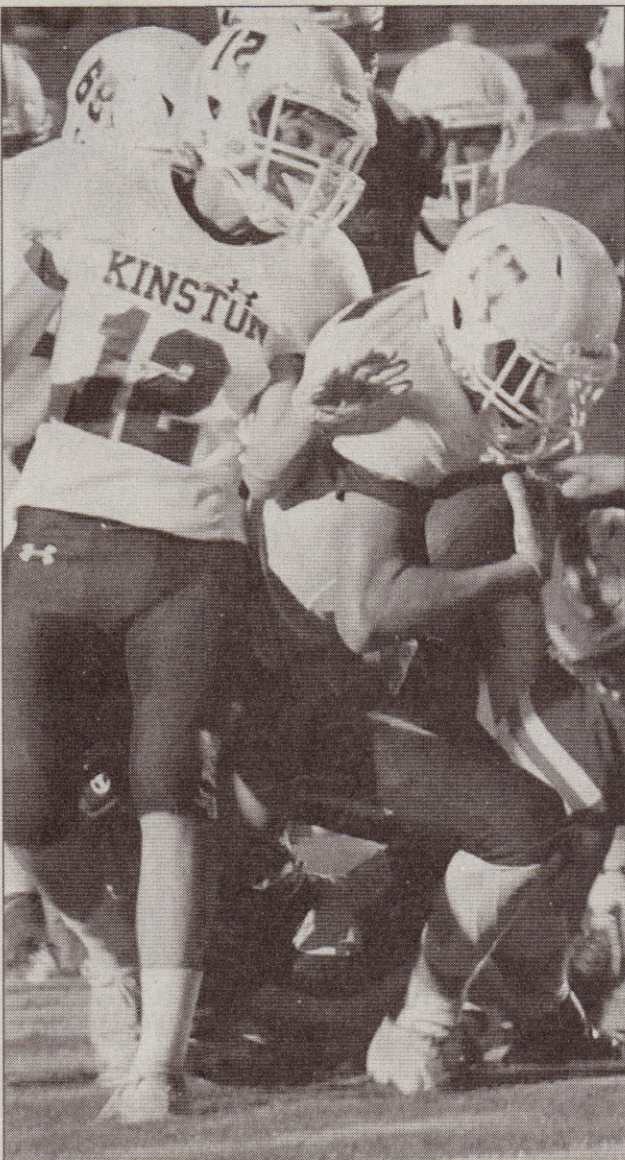
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Kinston Bulldog Addison Hudson (15) fights for yardage. Hudson rushed for 149 yards in last week's 21-14 loss to Samson.

Zion Chapel outscored in 48-13 road loss to Geneva County

Statistics by Joey Arnold
Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed out region action last week with a 48-13 loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs, at Hartford.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 14-0 lead on a 41-yard run by Emmanuel Henderson and a 79-yard pass from William Birdsong to J'quan Broxson, but the Rebels battled back late in the stanza and scored on a 1-yard run by JD Finger to pull within 14-7.

Geneva County regained command in the second quarter and scored three touchdowns in a three-minute span to up its lead to 35-7.

The Bulldogs touchdowns came on a 45-yard run by Henderson, a 27-

yard pass from Birdsong to Colby Fuller and a 3-yard run by Ken'li Preyer.

Brockston Bragg got the Rebels back in the endzone midway through the quarter on a 15-yard gallop to cut the Bulldogs lead to 35-13. However, Geneva County added a late score on a 55-yard dash by Henderson to carry a 42-13 lead in at the

half.

Isaiah Hutcherson scored the only touchdown of the second half on an 8-yard run, as Geneva County held on to post the big 48-13 region win over the Rebels.

Brockston Bragg rushed for 112 yards and scored 1 touchdown to lead Zion Chapel, while Levi Mills had 76 yards in receptions.

The yardstick....

ZC		GC
13	1st Downs	8
35-154	Rushes-Yds.	24-267
100	Passing Yds.	128
254	Total Offense	395
4-17-3	Passes	4-7-0
1-40	Punts-Ave.	1-38
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
3-25	Penalties-Yds.	11-85

HOOPS HIGHLIGHTS

Kinston Bulldogs stop Opp 37-9 in junior high action

The Kinston Junior Bulldogs made it look easy in a 37-9 win over the Opp Middle School Bobcats. Racha Phillips scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Colby Tew and Michael Thompson both added 9 points.

Brantley to challenge 5A Andalusia Friday night in late addition

The top-ranked and undefeated Brantley Bulldogs will jump up in class on Friday night when they travel to Andalusia to battle the 5A Andalusia Bulldogs.

Andalusia won the only previous meeting 20-0 way back in 1938.

The Bulldogs will bring a 5-3 record into the clash with wins over Rehobeth 38-22, Charles Henderson 45-12, Bibb County 31-0, Headland 42-0, Greenville 27-0 and Carroll, by a forfeit. The losses have been to faith 10-9, Fairhope 28-21 and Pike Road 39-18.

Brantley has been ranked atop the Class 1A poll most of the season and is the state's highest scoring team, regardless of class. The Bulldogs from Crenshaw County average 53.3 points per game and have allowed a total of only 62 points in nine games.

scoreboard. Addison Hudson rushed for 51 yards on four carries to lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Konner Walker scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run. John Free booted the extra-point as Kinston pulled within 14-7 with 8:11 left in the second quarter.

Samson needed only two plays to answer the Bulldog challenge; however, as Braxton Brooks broke loose again and this time raced 67 yards for a touchdown. Laureano's extra-point was true, and with 7:13 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 21-7.

Kinston had a chance to cut into the Samson lead late in the half, but fumbled away a scoring opportunity at the Samson 10-yardline, and at the half the Tigers were still on top 21-7.

Kinston drove to a first down at the Samson 8-yardline on its initial possession of the third quarter, but this time turned it over on a pass interception to again come away empty-handed.

Kinston didn't come away empty-handed on its next series as the Bulldogs went 63 yards in 13 running plays to reach the endzone. Jeb Crosby rushed for 38 yards on six carries to lead the 'Dogs down the field, while Gary Wallace scored the touchdown on a 26-yard dash. Free added the extra-point to pull Kinston within 21-14 with 7:49 left in the fourth quarter.

Kinston had two possessions in the closing minutes of the game, but failed to get back in the endzone and lost to the Tigers 21-14.

Addison Hudson rushed for 149 yards on 25 carries to lead the Kinston ground game, while Jeb Crosby added 89 yards on 20 carries.

Rebels to host Pleasant Home season finale

Two teams looking to ease the pains from a disappointing season will meet Friday night at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise, when the (0-9) Zion Chapel Rebels host the (1-7) Pleasant Home Eagles.

Zion Chapel leads the all-time series 9-5 and won the last meeting 20-0 last season.

The Rebels are winless on the season and have dropped ten straight games since the final game of the 2019 season. They have averaged 9.4 points per game and allowed 41.1 points per game.

The Eagles have won a total of only four games over the last three seasons, including only one win this season, and during the season have averaged 5.9 points per game and have allowed 32.5 points per game.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs headed to state tourney

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their late-season surge last week with two wins at the South Regionals to punch their tickets to the State Tournament, set for this week in Birmingham.

The Lady Bulldogs posted wins over Brantley 25-17, 25-13, 25-14 and Millry 25-14, 25-11, 26-24 at the regional tournament, while falling to regional champion Bayshore Christian 14-25, 21-25, 25-23, 9-25.

Other area teams that advanced to the state tournament included (1A) Pleasant Home, (2A) G.W. Long and Ariton, (3A) Houston Academy, and (5A) Providence Christian.



Kinston Bulldog Marching Band members keep the crowd fired up with music throughout the game every week.



Kinston Bulldog Cale Sumblin (17) heads downfield after pulling in a pass.



Zion Chapel Rebel JD Finger heads upfield for a big gain in last week's region clash with the Geneva County Bulldogs.



Zion Chapel Rebels offensive line is ready to get to work in action last week in a region battle with the Geneva County Bulldogs.



Zion Chapel Rebels Marching Band member Olivia Parker performs with band during halftime festivities at Friday's final road game of the season.

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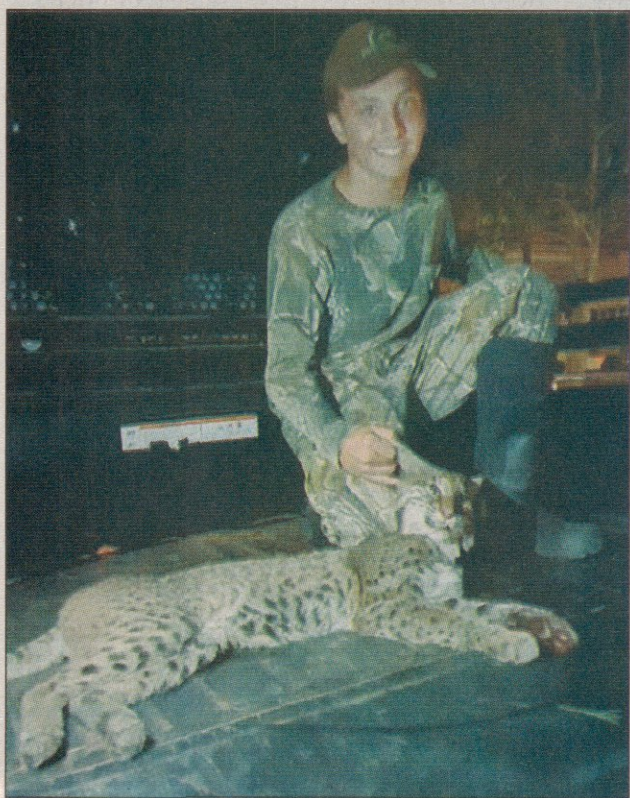
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COMMUNITY NEWS



HUNTING SPOTLIGHT... Bow season is open in Coffee County, Alabama, and R. J. Lott's great-grandson, Lawson Cooper - age 14, had a great weekend killing a buck (above) last Friday, Oct. 23, and a bobcat on Saturday, Oct. 24 (below), in the Shady Grove Community using a new bow.



Zion Chapel Bass Team fishes Tensaw River Delta

WOW! What will the year 2020 bring on next?

The Zion Chapel Bass Team has had tournaments canceled, guidelines revamped due to COVID-19, and most recently hurricane Delta swept up the gulf coast and caused their last two tournaments to be rescheduled. Through all the adversity, the team has adjusted. These bumps along the way have served only as temporary pauses in their pursuit to compete on the water.

The weekend of Oct. 17 and 18 was a tough one for the ZC anglers, but they fought hard. This was the first time the anglers have been challenged with fishing two tournaments back to back. The tournaments were held at the Tensaw River Delta; they launched from Live Oak Landing in Stockton, Ala.

This was only the second time the anglers have fished the Delta, and after a day of practice fishing, the temperature plunged more than 30 degrees. This alone was a bad omen for some of the anglers.

According to Greg McCain in the Alabama Outdoor News, the Delta is a "wandering, forever-changing maze of water that produces prodigiously one day and perplexes anglers the next." This proved to be true for some of the ZC anglers.

Officially, the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta area encompasses over 260,000 acres and ranks as the second-largest system in the lower United States. Touching five counties in southeastern Alabama, the waters of the Delta eventually empty into Mobile Bay.

Saturday, Oct. 17, was the first tournament of the 20/21 season for the Alabama BASS Nation High School-Tiger Trail. It proved to be a tough beginning for all the anglers due to weather, no limits, and penalties. It was just "one of those days."

There were 112 boats competing, and the winning weight was 9.45lbs. Baldwin County anglers were the winners for the day.

Some of the ZC anglers changed partners for the Tiger Trail this season. The team of Dowdy/DeVos finished 41st with four fish weighing in at 5.63 lbs. with a one-pound penalty for a short fish.

The team of Lee/Johns finished 53rd with three fish weighing in at 3.29 lbs.

The team of FitzGerald/Free finished 73rd with one fish weighing in at 1.16 lbs.

The team of Padgett/Young finished 79th with one fish weighing in at 0 lbs. with a 1.00 lb. penalty for a short fish.

These stats attest to what Tony Hogan, a seasoned angler in this area had to say about fishing the Delta. "Sometimes it is like finding a needle in a haystack. All of it looks good, and it all looks the same." He says the key is timing. If an angler hits the water at the wrong time, bass catching opportunities range from difficult to almost non-existent.

Although the fish were stingy the first day, the ZC anglers did not give up. They put day one behind them and set out on day two with a positive attitude and winning spirit.

They fished the third tournament on the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail. A total of 58 boats participated in this tournament; for various reasons, some teams decided not to fish the second day.

The team of Padgett/Young finished 6th place with a limit of 5 fish weighing in at 8.52 lbs. (.47 ounces below the top finishers).

The team of FitzGerald/Johns finished 18th with 3 fish weighing in at 4.34 lbs.

The team of Lee/DeVos finished 23rd with 2 fish weighing in at 2.93 lbs.

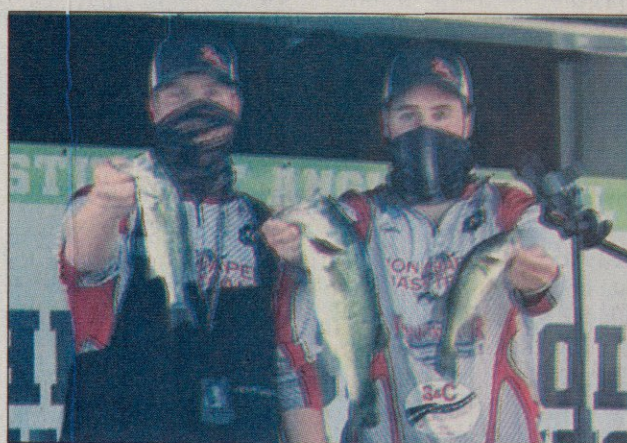
The team of Dowdy/Free did not weigh in due to engine issues.

The final tournament for the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail will be Saturday, Nov. 21, at Lake Eufaula. Their launch and weigh-in station will be at Lake Point State Park. The team of the year and angler of the year will be determined at the end of this tournament after all results are tallied.

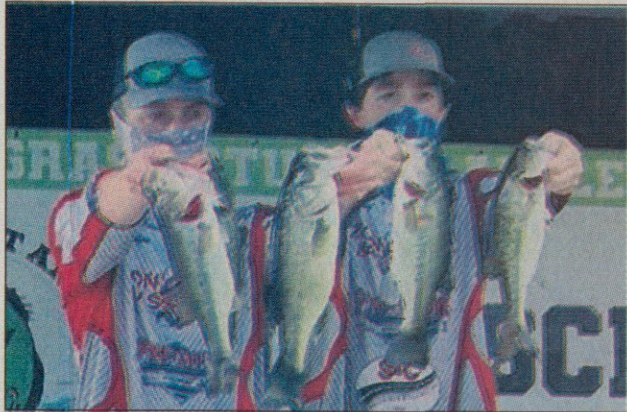
Going into the final tournament Zion Chapel is in fourth place with 96 teams participating. Ethan Young and Avery Padgett are in second place for the angler of the year award. Peyton FitzGerald and Austin Johns are in fourteenth place; they are followed by Kaleb DeVos and Trevor Lee in fifteenth place. Kevin Dowdy and Landra Free are in 41st place.

Eufaula will be a battle for sure!

The team members are very much aware they could not be in this position



Austin Johns and Peyton FitzGerald



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young

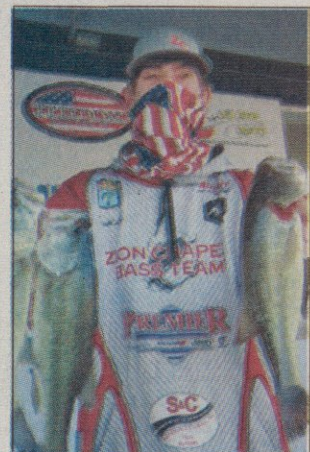


Kevin Dowdy and Kaleb DeVos



Peyton FitzGerald and Landra Free

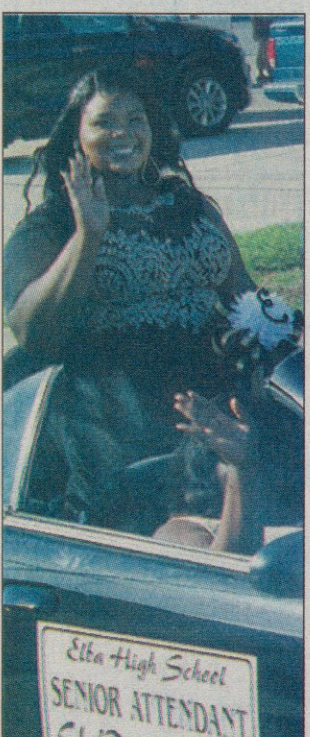
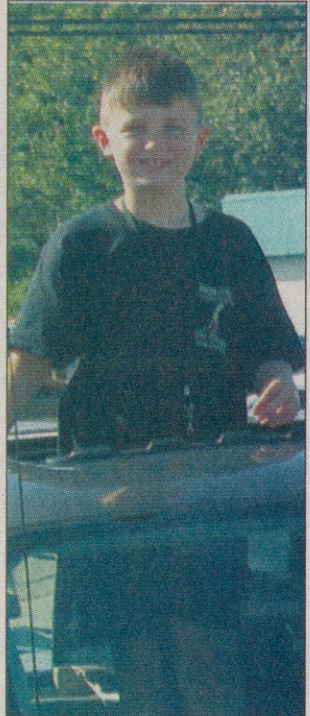
without the support of their sponsors, families, and community. They extend a special thanks to the boat captains for their dedication to their team. The captains this weekend spent two grueling days on the water watching these anglers struggle to land their limit. They salute Larry Campbell, Kevin Dowdy Sr., Brian Lasiter, and Junior Lee. Also, a special thanks goes to Parker Carlee for being an observer Saturday for the Lee/Johns team. When a team member cannot fish, someone has to be on the boat in his/her absence to serve as an observer.



Trevor Lee

Guests are allowed at the weigh-in but must wear a mask and practice social distancing; no tents are allowed.

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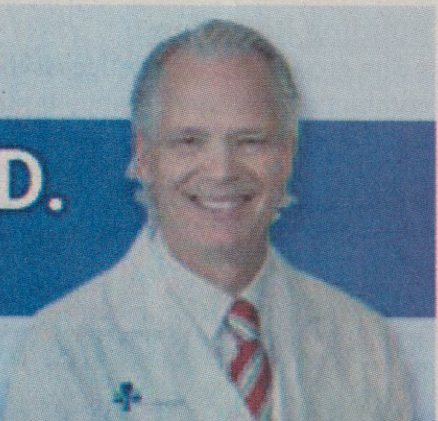
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Medina inducted into Red Jacket Club at Dothan Prep Academy

Gabriel Medina of Dothan, Ala. has been inducted into the Red Jacket Club at Dothan Preparatory Academy.

This honor was bestowed upon 18 out of approximately 1,700 students at the school. Students were recognized for making all "A's", having perfect attendance, and exhibiting good conduct.

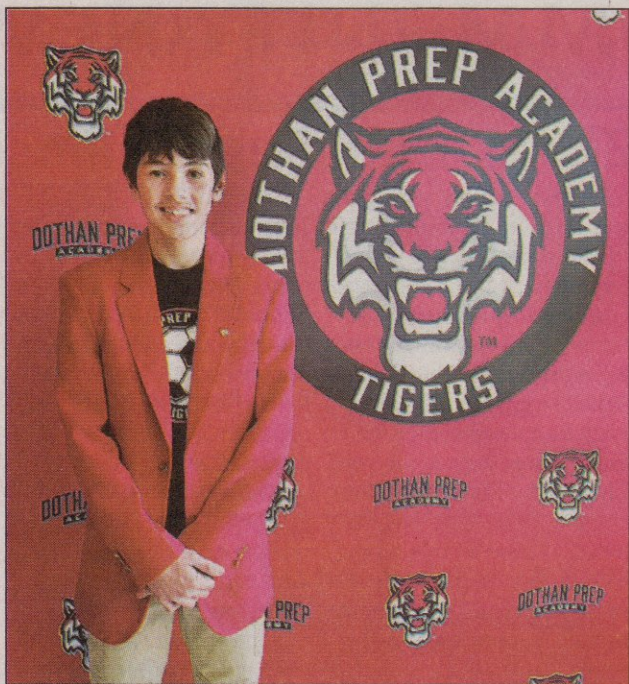
Being a member of the Red Jacket Club is the highest honor a student can achieve at Dothan Preparatory Academy. Students, along with their parents, were called to the stage to receive the red jackets, lead-

ership pins, and certificates. Gabriel also is a member off the golf and soccer teams at Dothan Preparatory Academy.

He is the son of Ricardo and Leigh Ann Medina of Dothan and the grandson of Dwayne and Jo Anne Jones of Elba, Ala.

Mt. Gilead selling BBQ on Nov. 7th

Mt Gilead Church, 7638 Hwy 87 South, Elba Ala. is selling both BBQ plates and whole Butts on Saturday, Nov. 7, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The plates include BBQ, rice, beans, bread and cake.



Gabriel Medina recently was inducted into the Red Jacket Club at Dothan Prep Academy.

Newbia Baptist Church cancels fall festival event planned for Oct. 31st

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Newbia Baptist Church, has cancelled the Trunk-or-Treat and More fall festival event that was planned for Saturday, Oct. 31st.



The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) held their monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Enterprise Country Club. The guest speaker was KCarl Smith, author of *Frederick Douglass Republicans: The Movement to Re-ignite American's Passion for Liberty*. KCarl discussed his Frederick Douglass Republican messaging strategy. Pictured above, left to right, is: RWCC President Virginia Howard, KCarl Smith, and RWCC 1st Vice-President Carol Boylston. RWCC meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club. Everyone is invited, but reservations are necessary (email: rwcreservations@gmail.com or phone 334-494-3763). For more information, contact RWCC President Virginia Howard at 334-477-1176.

Don't Forget...
Trick-or-Treating in Elba will be
Saturday, Oct. 31, from 4-7 p.m.

Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God

Election Day is just around the corner. Critical decisions will be made. At the same time, America is dealing with other multiplied challenges. COVID-19, violence, division, and much more seems to have brought us to our knees. While we are there, why not pray?

Many times I have spoken and written about 2 Chronicles 7:14. I know that I sound like a broken record (older readers like myself will understand that). But, now more than ever, it is high time that we not only read it, quote it, copy and paste it, or even talk about it, but actually do it. Before we look at this key verse, however, some background and context will help us apply it to our current situation.

King Solomon had finally seen a dream fulfilled - the temple was completed, as well as his own house. There had been a great celebration and dedication in Jerusalem. After it was over, and everyone went home "glad and merry in heart" (verse 10) God spoke to Solomon in a dream. We often focus on verse 14, but verse 13 is compelling to us: "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people..." That is where we are today; there is a "pestilence" that has done much harm to our land. What will we do? The solution is in verse 14: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

There are four caveats here. The first is humility. So needed today. Our culture is infected with pride and arrogance. People have an edge; they are easily offended. We have achieved much, but do not recognize God's grace in the center of it all. The current plague, or "pestilence" has proven that some things are beyond our control. We need God!

The second is prayer. In the October 15 article, I stated that "Prayer is not a candy store. It is a hardware store." Prayer is not just where we go to get treats and treasures. It should be a place where we regularly go, to find the spiritual power tools and equipment needed for life. It is a great charging station.

Third, seeking the face of God. This goes beyond prayer. This is about relationship. Here we ask for nothing, except to know Him better and to please Him more. We desire a deeper relationship not because of what he does, but because of who He is. Seeking His face is motivated by love.

The fourth caveat is turning from our wicked ways. Our "wicked ways" may be sins we have committed, good thing that we have omitted, or both. It is possible to humble ourselves, pray, and seek His face, but still not turn from our wicked ways. We have convenient sins; pet sins, that we love too much. We love God, but we also love our sin. God's forgiveness and healing, however, are predicated on our turning away from our sin, and walking toward God.

Our nation desperately needs healing and restoration. In His grace, God tells how this can be realized. I pledge to do my part. Will you join me?

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Scripture: The Joy of forgiveness [Psalms 32: 1-11]

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October Birthdays

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Asja Jolie Rudolph 10/14
A.Z. Stoudmire 10/16
Barbara K. Smith 10/17
Barbara Tillis 10/17
Minnie J. Andrews 10/17
Eric Culver 10/17
Malachi Waters 10/18
Sara Stoudmire 10/19
Jeanette Tillis 10/20
Dundray Peterson 10/21
Tonya Y. Smith 10/21
Anissa Tillis 10/21

Dreams of Perfection

Most people have dreams of what life would be like if some part of it were "perfect" [whatever that means]. For Gordon and Mary Aughinbaugh, the dream was a house with a spectacular ocean view in a very upscale community southwest of Los Angeles. It was to be a "perfect" \$1.5 million, French-style manor that would "stand 900 years" [so the owners envisioned it]. But fifteen years after construction began, the house was still unfinished, and the dream had turned into a nightmare. The couple became involved in lawsuits with three different contractors. The local homeowners' association sued to have the house torn down because it had been an eyesore for more than a decade. In fact, Mr. Aughinbaugh died before the house was finished, and it was sold to someone else, who completed the project. Like many others since who have seen what their neighbors possessed and have dreamed of possessing it as their own, the Israelites saw that the nations about them had kings. They assumed

that a king would be the "perfect touch" that would complete their struggle toward nationhood. And so, turning aside from the God who had been their flawless leader, they determined to be led by men who were flawed in sometimes serious ways.

Any "perfection" we seek in this world - without God and His help - is sure to disappoint us. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 10/22/20 - True or False

Q: God revealed Himself out of fire to deliver the Ten Commandments.

A: False [Deuteronomy 4: 12]

Q: God provided His people manna and quails to eat in the desert.

A: True [Exodus 16: 13]

Thought to Remember

Remember:
7 days without Prayer makes one weak

Questions for the Week of 10/29/20

Multiple Choice

Q: The Thessalonians response to the gospel was so complete that they became (examples), (enemies), (friends) to those in Macedonia and Achaia.

Q: Quote: Luke 19:10

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Eria's Daughter, Sue

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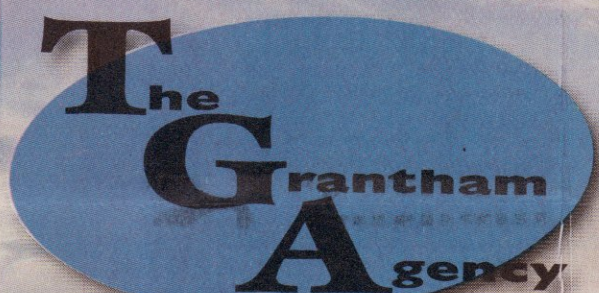
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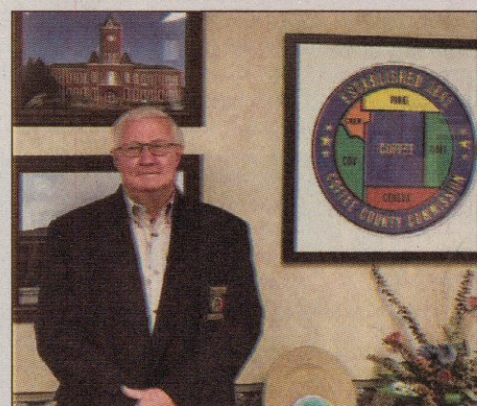
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